GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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OIL DRILLING IN ARABIAN SEA
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether any survey for drilling of oil in Arabian Sea on the Kerala`s Coast near Kodungalloor was conducted in 2004;

(b) if so, the details and outcome thereof alongwith the total quantity of oil and gas assessed in the area;

(c) whether the drilling of oil has been started in the said region;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether any foreign help was taken for the drilling; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a to d) Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd.(ONGC) and private/Joint Ventures Companies have carried out 15250 line kilometer of 2 D Seismic and 2065 Sq Km of 3D Seismic in exploration blocks in the Kerala-Konkan offshore area. ONGC has drilled one exploratory well in Kerala-Konkan offshore area which proved to be devoid of hydrocarbons.

(e & f) ONGC deployed a charter-hired drill ship, Belford Dolphin of U.K, in Kerala-Konkan offshore in 2004.